WRITTEN PLAN OF ACTION

(This template provides an example and language from the regulations, including sections of information that need to be addressed in a Written Plan of Action. Consult the lead state lead for examples of completed Plans)

Purpose

This document represents a "Written Plan of Action" (Plan) following guidelines pursuant to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 1990 (NAGPRA)[P.L. 101-601; Stat.3048], and the implementing Rules and Regulations found at 43 CFR 10.

The Plan addresses the disposition of human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and items of cultural patrimony, that may be identified at xxxx, and as defined at 43 CFR 10.2(d) and below.

Agents

This Plan has been formulated during consultations between the xxxx Tribe and Bureau of Land Management, xxxx Field Office.

Historic Tribal Lands

Site (trinomial or name) is located within the lands occupied at historic contact with the xxxx Tribe(s). The area is within the region designated for use by the xxxx in 1967 by the Indian Claims Commission . The xxxx Tribe has cultural affinity to the project area for the purposes of this Plan.

General Procedures and Guidelines

This Plan specifically addresses the procedures outlined by NAGPRA and 43 CFR 10.5(e).

1) **Cultural Items (Human Remains, Funerary Objects, Sacred Objects, Objects of Cultural Patrimony):** Means all objects identified by the Lone Pine Tribe which fit into one of the four types of Native American objects covered by NAGPRA and which are defined at 43 CFR 10.2(d) and outlined below. For this Plan cultural items include only those objects identified as human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony pursuant to NAGPRA and the implementing rules and regulations. The following definitions are adapted from 43 CFR 10.2(d) for this Plan (43 CFR 10 is attached to this Plan for complete definitions).

a) **Human Remains**[1]: Means the physical remains of a human body of a person of Native American ancestry. The term does not include remains or portions of remains that may reasonably be determined to have been freely given or naturally shed by the individual from whose body they were obtained, such as hair made into ropes or nets...

b) **Funerary Objects**[1]: Means items that, as a part of the death rite or ceremony of a culture, are reasonably believed to have been placed intentionally at the time of death or later with or near individual human remains...

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1 Taken and directly adapted for this Plan from NAGPRA and the "Definitions" found at 43 CFR 10.2(d). For complete definitions see 43 CFR 10.2(d) attached to the Plan.

*Example:

i) In the xxxx individuals are known to have been buried with their tools and valued possessions. For this Plan any item found in association to human remains which have the appearance of intentional placement with the remains will be considered and treated as a funerary object.

c) **Sacred Objects**[1]: Means items that are specific ceremonial objects needed by traditional Native American religious leaders for the practice of traditional Native American religions by their present day adherents...These items are specifically limited to objects that were devoted to a traditional Native American religious ceremony or ritual and which have religious significance or function in the continued observance or renewal of such ceremony. In general utilitarian items such as pottery, lithic debitage, arrowheads and other such items are excluded from this category.

*i) For the xxx no sacred objects, as defined above, have been identified.

*ii) It has been suggested that each shaman or religious practitioner had their own types of tools or objects that held sacred significance and many types of objects were used in sacred contexts by individual religious practitioners. No scared objects, as such, have been specifically identified for the practice of traditional Native American religions by present day adherents.

d) **Objects of Cultural Patrimony**[1]: Means items having ongoing historical, traditional, or cultural importance central to the Indian tribe..., rather than property owned by an individual tribal or organization member. These objects are of such importance that they may not be alienated, appropriated, or conveyed by any individual tribal or organization member...

*i) No items of cultural patrimony were identified for this Plan.

2) **Cultural Affiliation:**

3) **Planned Treatment, Care and Handling of Cultural Items:** All human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony will be treated with respect.

4) **Planned Archaeological Recording of Cultural Items:**

5) **The Kinds of Analysis Planned for Cultural Items:**

6) **Steps to be followed to Contact Tribal Officials at the time of Intentional or Inadvertent Discovery of Cultural Items:**

7) **Kinds of Traditional Treatment:**

8) **Reporting:**

9) **Disposition of Cultural Items:**